

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for retrieving information in a private database, the method comprising:

~~at an e-mail server;~~

receiving at an e-mail server, via an e-mail, a request from a wireless communication device to retrieve the information in the private database;

upon receiving the request, the e-mail server comparing an e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, the e-mail server retrieving the information from the private database ~~then authorizing retrieval from the private database;~~

~~sending a query to retrieve the information;~~

~~receiving a response to the query, wherein the response includes the information, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance;~~

sending, at the e-mail server, the information retrieved by the e-mail server to the wireless communication device; and

denying the request to retrieve the information when ~~if~~ the identified e-mail address is not on the list, ~~then denying the request to retrieve the information in the private database.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the request includes receiving the e-mail from the wireless communication device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the e-mail from the wireless communication device includes receiving the e-mail from one of a wireless telephone, a wireless pager and a wireless personal digital assistant.

4-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~sending the query~~ the request to retrieve information includes identifying text in the e-mail.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a word associated with the information.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein identifying the word in the e-mail includes identifying an acronym associated with the information.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a phrase associated with the information.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a number associated with the information.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a letter and a number associated with the information.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein sending the information to the wireless communication device includes sending an outbound e-mail to the wireless communication device.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for retrieving information in a private database, the apparatus comprising:

an e-mail server accessing the private database, wherein the e-mail server is configured for communication with a wireless communication device via e-mail and includes:

an identification module at the e-mail server identifying an e-mail address of the wireless communication device; and

an authorization module at the e-mail server authorizing the e-mail server to retrieve the information ~~from the private database~~ and forward the information to the wireless

communication device, wherein the authorization module is operative to compare the e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, then the e-mail server retrieving the information ~~authorizing retrieval~~ from the private database, and if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying the request to retrieve the information ~~in the private database, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance.~~

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Intranet.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Extranet.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

- identify an e-mail address of a wireless communication device; and
- ~~authorize via e-mail,~~ an e-mail server to retrieve information in a private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device, wherein the processor, ~~in authorizing an e-mail server to retrieve the information in the private database~~ is operative to compare the e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, then ~~authorizing retrieval~~ retrieve the information from the private database, and if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying the request to access the information ~~in the private database, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance.~~

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance.